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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ANNE VANDETTE REYNOLDS

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Title: HANDS-FREE STYLIST STAND

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In the matter of the above identified application, would the Office kindly enter the instant amendment in response to the Office Action of March 3, 2005.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Would the Office kindly enter the following amended claims.

1.(currently amended) An assembly for holding a portable hair dryer having a handle and a nozzle comprising:

a cradle for holding said hair dryer, said cradle having a lower portion adapted to receive the handle of said hair dryer and an upper portion to receive and support the nozzle of the hair dryer, said upper portion having a generally U-shaped configuration to receive said nozzle, said upper portion having a ~~longitudinal axis lying in a first plane~~ horizontal plane lying along a bottom of said U-shaped configuration, said lower portion of said cradle having an upper ring and a lower ring to receive said handle, said upper ring being larger than said lower ring, said upper ring and said lower ring having a central axis which ~~lies in a second plane which~~ is generally perpendicular to said ~~first~~ horizontal plane;

a mounting means designed to be mounted to a substrate; and

a connecting assembly between said mounting means and said cradle, said connecting assembly permitting movement of said cradle in at least two mutually perpendicular planes.

2.(original) The assembly of Claim 1 wherein said connecting assembly permits movement in three mutually perpendicular planes.

3.(original) The assembly of Claim 2 wherein said connecting assembly comprises a goose neck.

4.(withdrawn) The assembly of Claim 2 wherein said connecting assembly comprises a scissor arrangement having one end thereof connected to said mounting assembly

and a second end connected to a said cradle.

5.(withdrawn) The assembly of Claim 2 wherein said connecting assembly includes first and second pair of arms, a first end of first said arm being connected to said mounting means, a second end of said first arm rotatably connected to a first end of said second arm, said second end of said second arm being connected to said cradle.

6.(withdrawn) The assembly of Claim 4 further including a goose neck interposed between said second end of said scissor arrangement and said cradle.

7.(withdrawn) The assembly of Claim 6 wherein said goose neck is mounted on top of said second end of said scissor arrangement.

8-9 (cancelled)

10.(previously presented) The assembly of Claim 1 wherein said upper portion of said cradle is U-shaped and formed of rod members.

11.(previously presented) The assembly of Claim 10 wherein a first one of said rod members is secured to said upper ring.

12.(original) The assembly of Claim 1 wherein said connecting assembly comprises a scissor arrangement having one end thereof connected to said mounting assembly and a second end connected to a said cradle.

13.(original) The assembly of Claim 1 wherein said connecting assembly includes first and second pairs of arms, a first end of said first arm being connected to said mounting means, a second end of said first arm being rotatably connected to a first end of said second arm, said second end of said second arm being connected to said cradle.

14.(original) The assembly of Claim 1 further including a goose neck interposed between said second end of said scissor arrangement and said cradle.

15.(original) The assembly of Claim 14 wherein said goose neck is mounted on top of said second end of said scissor arrangement.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3 and 10 to 15 are in the case.

With this amendment, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to define that the base of the upper portion having the U-shaped configuration lies in a horizontal plane. The claim has also been amended to recite that the upper ring and lower ring have a central axis which is generally perpendicular to the horizontal plane.

It is believed that this amendment clearly defines over the reference of Woodbury. Thus, Woodbury has a horizontal plane for the first U-shaped portion. However, the central axis of the rings would be parallel to the horizontal plane and not perpendicular as defined in Claim 1.

It is now believed this application is in order for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully,



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